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RUSSIA'S REASON FOR EVACUATING POLISH SALIENT

Embassy of Washington Gives Statement to Associated Press

HAS SHORTAGE ARMS AND AMMUNITION

Has Always Regarded Western Line as Her

Weakest Point

By Bulletin Leased Wire
NEW YORK, Aug. 1.—In response to a request from the Associated Press for a statement on the situation at Warsaw, the Russian ambas-

"The reasons for the probable evacuation of Warsaw are these: A vast number of men with full equip-

ment and amply supplied has been directed against the Russian forces in the Polish capital. On the western front (in Poland) there has been

concentrated nearly the entire Austro-Hungarian army, excepting the force assigned to duty on the Italian border, and in addition seventy divisions of the German army, supported

by nearly all the German cavalry. Furthermore the Turks have diverted a portion of the Russian army to the Caucasus.

Shortage of Munitions

"As a result of the exceptional development of German and some Austrian industries, the enemies of Rus-

sla possess enormous quantities of artillery, machine guns and rifles and a most abundant supply of ammunition. Russia has encountered a tremendous difficulty in supplying her

forces with sufficient arms and ammunition to fight against an enemy so plentifully equipped as Germany and Austria-Hungary; nevertheless, the

most active measures are being taken to remedy this deficiency.

"This lack of arms and ammunition is the reason why Russia has

Although not so plentifully supplied with the means of waging war Russia has succeeded, thanks to the heroic tenacity of her troops, not only in

checking for the space of nearly three months the forward rush of her enemies, but in inflicting countless losses on them. We have undermin-

ed by degrees the strength of their attack and as is proved by the poor physical condition of the prisoners taken by us, we have brought them to a state of considerable exhaustion.

A war is not decided by the invasion and occupation of any section of territory by one combatant or the other, but rather by the final outcome of the

struggle between the forces engaged. Consequently the power which husbanded its strength until the end must win. A change of the front line may be regarded as necessary for the pur-

Russia's Means Inexhaustible

"Russia's means are inexhaustible and she is only beginning to develop her powers, while the strength of the Germans and the Austrians has

